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SUMMARY: SADAT MADE "SECRET" 48-HOUR TRIP TO JIDDA FOR
MEETINGS WITH KING FAISAL AUGUST 23-25. NUMBER OF ECONOMIC
AND POLITICAL ADVISERS ACCOMPANIED HIM. DISCUSSIONS CLOSELY
HELD, WITH ABSOLUTELY NO PUBLICITY ON VISIT. IT IS BELIEVED
TO HAVE INVOLVED (1) COORDINATION ON HANDLING ISSUES AT UP-
COMING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, (2) SUBSTANTIAL AID NEEDS OF
EGYPT, INCLUDING GRAIN AND (3) SAUDI SUPPORT FOR SADAT'S
POSITION ON LIBYAN/EGYPTIAN MERGER. END SUMMARY.

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1. PRESIDENT SADAT ARRIVED IN JIDDA THURSDAY MORNING AUG 23 FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH KING FAISAL AND OTHER LEADING SAG POLICYMAKERS. VISIT APPARENTLY AT INITIATIVE OF SADAT, AND COMPLETE PRESS AND TV SILENCE WAS, WE HAVE HEARD, RESULT EGYPTIAN REQUEST. TALKS LASTED THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SADAT DEPARTED SATURDAY, AUG 25.

2. KNOWLEDGEABLE FONMIN SOURCE TOLD EMOFF ONLY MINISTER OF STATE SAQQAF AND DEPUTY FONMIN MAS'UD KNEW DETAILS OF MEETINGS, ALTHOUGH OTHER MINISTERS HAD MET WITH EGYPTIANS, INCLUDING CPO PRESIDENT NAZIR WITH SADAT AND MINCOMMERCE AWADI WITH EGYPTIAN MINECONOMY. FONMIN SOURCE SPECULATED THAT IN VIEW RECENT VISIT ALGERIAN REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL MEMBER BALQASIM AND VISIT BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, AUG 28, OF EMIR OF KUWAIT, IT APPARENT SADAT VISIT WAS A PART OF OVER-ALL COORDINATION AMONGST SEVERAL ARAB COUNTRIES TO PREPARE FOR NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS. HE NOTED FURTHER THAT ARAB FONMINS WOULD BE MEETING IN CAIRO SEPTEMBER 1 FOR SEVERAL DAYS' FURTHER COORDINATION PRIOR TO BEGINNING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. (PARENTHETICALLY HE SAID FAISAL STILL INTENDING TO BE PRESENT IN ALGIERS.)

3. SOURCE THOUGH SADAT WAS PROBABLY SEEKING FINAL STAMP OF APPROVAL FROM FAISAL ON HANDLING SEPTEMBER 1 EGYPT/LIBYA MERGER. SADAT MAY HAVE SOUGHT KING'S ADVICE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO PROCEED WITH MERGER AND IF SO, IN WHAT FASHION. SOURCE THOUGH IF FAISAL HAD BEEN ASKED, HE WOULD HAF SUPPORTED SADAT'S APPARENT INTENTION MERGE GRADUALLY; IT UNLIKELY, HE THOUGHT, KING WOULD HAVE ADVISED SADAT RESPOND NEGATIVELY. SADAT SAID BY SOURCES TO HAVE SOUGHT FROM FAISAL -- AND PROBABLY RECEIVED -- SPECIFIC ASSURANCES OF CONTINUED CLOSE RELATIONSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. EGYPT'S NEED FOR GRAIN MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AND BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT IN THIS CONTEXT SADAT WOULD HAVE SOAGHT AYSURANCE OF SAUDI FINANCIAL AID.

4. SOURCE IN CENTRAL PLANNING CONFIRMS DESIGNATION OF NAZIR TO EVALUATE AID NEEDS OF EGYPT.

5. SADAT AND ADVISERS DEPARTED JIDDA AUG 25.
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